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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS FROM EILTS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, EG, IS
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM MRS. SADAT TO MRS. BEGIN

1. PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL TELEPHONED THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSMITTING LETTER, DATED JANUARY 25, FROM MRS. SADAT TO MRS. BEGIN. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MRS. BEGIN,

- I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE LOVELY SHAWL YOU HAVE SENT TO ME. PLEASE CONVEY MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO MRS. RIVKA GRUBER AND MY BELIEF THAT EVERY MOTHER, EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI ALIKE, HAS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO SEE THAT THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY OF WAR NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN IN OUR REGION.

- I LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN OUR GRANDCHILDREN CAN PLAY TOGETHER IN PEACE AND SECURITY. IT IS UP TO ALL OF US, THE WOMEN OF OUR COUNTRIES, TO OVERCOME THE LEGACY OF THE PAST AND CREATE A NEW PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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- MY HUSBAND HAS SEEN THE DEEP YEARNING FOR PEACE AMONG THE ISRAELI PEOPLE ON HIS VISIT TO JERUSALEM. WE IN EGYPT, ALSO LONG FOR A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE... A PEACE THAT WILL PERMIT ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR REGION TO DEVELOP AND PROSPER ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS. WE KNOW THAT WAR CAN NEVER HELP US

TO LIVE TOGETHER OR TO RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES.

- THE PEACE PROCESS INITIATED BY MY HUSBAND CAN BE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA. WE UNDERSTAND THE SPECIAL SECURITY NEEDS OF ISRAEL. WE WANT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO FEEL SAFE, TO BE ASSURED THAT PEACE IN FULL SECURITY IS NOW POSSIBLE.

- MY PEOPLE, LIKE YOURS, HAS A PROFOUND LOVE FOR AND ATTACHMENT TO THE EARTH. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A NATION OF FARMERS. FOR US, WORKING OUR LAND IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT TASK. IT HAS SUSTAINED AND NOURISHED US FOR CENTURIES. OUR LAND AS MY HUSBAND HAS DECLARED, IS SACRED TO US, AS YOURS IS TO YOU. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT FOR US TO IMAGINE HOW MUCH PRIDE EVERY ISRAELI FEELS WHEN THE DESERT BLOOMS. WE FEEL THE SAME PRIDE IN THE NILE VALLEY AND THROUGHOUT EGYPT.

- IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS SPECIAL FEELING WE BOTH HAVE TOWARDS THE LAND, THAT WE ASK YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE HOMELESSNESS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR DESIRE AND THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE A LAND OF THEIR OWN. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS THE CORE OF OUR PROBLEMS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PEOPLE IN THIS REGION. THEY ARE SUFFERING NOW. THE JEWISH PEOPLE, WHO HAVE KNOWN THEIR OWN UNIQUE SUFFERING, SHOULD NOT

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BE INSENSITIVE.

- I HAVE SEEN HOW MUCH EVERY PALESTINIAN MOTHER YEARNS FOR A HOME FOR HER CHILDREN WHERE THEY CAN GROW AND LEARN. THESE CHILDREN HAVE THE SAME RIGHT TO A PEACEFUL AND SECURE FUTURE IN THEIR OWN HOMELAND, AS OUR OWN. PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ALL OF US, DEPENDS ON OUR RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

- OUR REGION, THE MIDDLE EAST, IS BLESSED WITH THE RICHNESS OF CIVILIZATION AND GREAT HUMAN RESOURCES. YEARS OF HOSTILITY AND MISUNDERSTANDING SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OVERCOME OUR HUMAN NEED FOR FRIENDSHIP AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. TOGETHER, THE PEOPLE OF OUR REGION CAN PROSPER. APART, ALL OF US WILL SUFFER.

- MY HUSBAND HAS COME TO YOUR COUNTRY WITH UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD WILL. THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT WENT WITH HIM TO JERUSALEM TO EXTEND TO ISRAEL THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A LASTING PEACE. THIS HISTORIC MOMENT CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE OF ALL CHILDREN, FROM HOSTILITY TO FRIENDSHIP,

FROM FEAR AND LOSS, TO FULL SECURITY AND PROSPERITY.
LET US, THE WOMEN OF OUR REGION, CONTRIBUTE ALL OUR
EFFORTS TO BRING TO OUR CHILDREN A PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE,
SECURITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF
ALL PEOPLE.

- SINCERELY YOURS,

- JEHAN SADAT

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3. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED THROUGH DEPT.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN JANUARY 25 DATE OF LETTER, IT IS
PUZZLING THAT IT WAS NOT SENT TO US UNTIL TODAY.
I SUSPECT IT WAS PREPARED BEFORE SADAT TRIP TO U.S.,
BUT WAS NOT TYPED AND SIGNED BY MRS. SADAT UNTIL AFTER
THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY'S RETURN. EILTS

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